



*We are a Christian community welcoming
all as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*

Palisades Presbyterian Church

PALISADES, NEW YORK 10964

JULY 23, 2006

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2006; Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Reflection:

Every now and then go away, have a little relaxation, for when you come back to your work your judgment will be surer. Go some distance away because then the work appears smaller and more of it can be taken in at a glance and a lack of harmony and proportion is more readily seen. - *Leonardo Da Vinci*

Prelude

Church Bell

Call to Worship

One: Lord, you have been our refuge

ALL: From one generation to another.

One: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the sea were born,

ALL: From age to age you are God.

One: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,

**ALL: So that we shall rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.**

One: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

ALL: And prosper the work of our hands.

* **Hymn # 2** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Call to Confession:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, let us turn our hearts to prayer.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful God, you work in us and for us even when we do not know it. When our paths have led us away from you, you guide us back to yourself. Renew in us the spirit of our baptism. Please grant us enough confidence in you to rest a bit in your grace, knowing that such a time with you nurtures and heals us in ways we could never imagine. In silence, now, we bring to mind and to you the things that trouble us, are difficult to answer, and hard to let go.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

*** Hymn #316** *Breathe on me, Breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me,
Glows with thy fire divine.*

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading 2 Samuel 7:1 – 14a

Gospel Reading Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Sermon *¡Tranquilo!*

***Hymn # 274** *O God of Earth and Space*

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

*** Hymn #592** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

*** Hymn # 538** *Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

*** Charge & Benediction**

Now, let us go forth into the world sustained by God the Creator, loved by Jesus Christ, and empowered with the joy and presence of the Holy Spirit to radically love God and one another. Amen.

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*

Announcements & Summer Planning

“A Day on the Town for Kids”: From now through July, Mission is raising money for a day on the town for inner city kids. We are asking those who can to contribute \$22.00 to support a young person for a day of activities to be planned by Howie. Please make checks payable to “Palisades Presbyterian Church.” With a notation “A Day on the Town for Kids.” Thanks for whatever support you can offer. Any amount is welcomed!

Sunday, July 23 – Sunday July 30: Gulf Coast Youth Summer Trip

Tuesday, July 25: 7:30 P.M. Mission Meeting

Sunday, July 30: Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-15, John 6:1-21

Sat., August 5: Habitat for Humanity Benefit Gathering from 3:00 – 5:00 featuring Tilly Grey. (Sue Webb)

Sunday, August 6: Communion Sunday. Guest Preacher: Jenna Tiitsman, Candidate for Minister of the Word and Sacrament

(Ray on Study Leave for Interim Training)

Sunday, August 27: Guest Minister: The Rev. Susan DeGeorge. South Presbyterian Church, Dobbs Ferry

Sunday, Sept 10: Sunday School Resumes
Welcome Back Picnic at the Douglas Home

Friday, Nov. 10: 5:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, Nov. 11: 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Wedding



Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

On Saturday August 5th there will be a fundraiser benefiting Habitat for Humanity from 3:00 – 5:00pm at the Palisades Presbyterian Church, 117 Washington Spring Road, Palisades, NY. Tilly Grey, a former Palisades neighbor, wrote "On The Path With Heart: In Africa with Habitat for Humanity International" and will read excerpts from her book and recount stories from her 5 years of travels across Africa with this organization.

Jim Killoran, the executive director of Habitat for Humanity Westchester, will speak as well on current projects and future plans for the organization in the area. There will be a reception and book signing with all proceeds split between Habitat for Humanity International (Africa), and Habitat for Humanity Westchester. Please call Sue Webb at 845-353-1836 for further information.

About the Author

Tilly Grey was born in Sneden's Landing New York in 1938, the daughter of Broadway actress Sally Bates and documentary film director Pare Lorentz. She attended Palisades Elementary School through the 8th grade, spent her teen years in Rome, Italy and returned to America to go to college in 1956.

However, Grey's childhood dream was to be a reporter so she dropped out of college in her second year and went to work as a general assignment reporter for The Durango Herald News, a small daily paper in Colorado. She later worked for newspapers in Pennsylvania and California.

Grey moved back to Rockland County with her two children after she was divorced in 1964. She received her degree from Columbia School of General Studies and later earned a Masters degree at Long Island University.

Grey became director of Skunk Hollow High School, a private alternative high school in Pomona, in 1970. "Although I had no experience running a school, no one else wanted the job, so I thought I'd try it." Grey says. She moved from Skunk Hollow to East Ramapo's School Within A School program four years later. Grey says she made the decision to leave teaching and find a new career on her 50th birthday. "I was sitting in my condo eating a frozen dinner when I heard a voice in my head ask, "Is this what you want to be doing when you are 60? I don't think so." A year later she quit her job and volunteered at Habitat for Humanity International's headquarters in Americus, Georgia, a move that mushroomed into a totally new job and lifestyle.

Grey's book, "On The Path With Heart: In Africa with Habitat for Humanity International" is the story of what happens when she signs on to become a Habitat international partner (an underpaid staff member or overpaid volunteer) at the age of 58 and goes to Africa for six months to report on the low-cost housing mission's work there. Five years later, she is still on the job as Habitat Africa/Middle East correspondent.

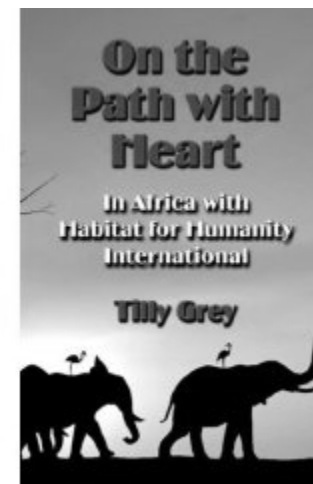
To her surprise, Grey discovers in Africa that so-called missionaries can be a lot of fun. "They work very hard and play hard as well." She also discovers they are very tolerant of her life style which includes playing blackjack and gambling on the horses. Their stories are chronicled from Botswana where the Great Synchronized Swimming Competition takes place, to Tanzania where the Habitat staff pulls off a major build with the President of Tanzania.

Africans running Habitat programs in their communities in Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Kenya teach Grey about their culture, she finds a lot in common with a South African widow during the night she spends inside a former black township and in Kenya she learns that it's malaria that kills most Africans and elephants that African women fear most. "What did I fear most in Africa? Anything on four wheels."

Grey finds stories everywhere; among leprosy survivors in Uganda who are becoming part of a community for the first time in years, with orphan head of households in Burundi who are beginning life over after a brutal civil war, and on the road in Botswana when the truck breaks down. Then there is the one about the mother-in-law who climbs into bed with her one night in Uganda.

"This is a book about people. Not just the people I met in Africa, but about myself as well. The title "On the Path with Heart" is a quote from Carlos Castenada. I used it because working in Africa for Habitat gave me a chance to use all the reporting and teaching skills I had accumulated in my life and do it to help a terrific organization. One day I was climbing up a steep path in Uganda to interview new homeowners and I heard myself humming under my breath. I stopped walking for a moment to savor the thought - I am happy."

Grey's job with Habitat came to an end in 2002. She now lives in Florida and still volunteers with Habitat, serving on the Women Build Council. "But," she says, "My son Norman lives in New City so I still think of Rockland County as "home."



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Interim Minister	Ray Bagnuolo
Organist and Choir Director	Michael Shapiro
Lay Reader	Fred Griffing
Ushers	Ann McKie
Deacon of the Month	Margaret Allen
Coffee Hour Deacons	Cass Ludington and Sue Shaw

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the Narthex and join us for coffee hour to learn more about the life of this church. Speakers are installed in the choir room in the Parish House so parents of infants and toddlers may hear the service.

Weekly Gatherings:

Tuesdays, 10 A.M.: Tai Chi;
Wednesdays, 10 A.M.: Play Group;
Fridays, 10 A.M.: Chair Tai Chi.

Please check the bulletin insert and our website for other events and announcements.